

## NEGLECT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### 1 Corinthians 11:24-32

**Introduction:** "Oh, they're only having the Lord's Supper, I'm not going..." Sadly many pastors "tack on" the Lord's Supper at the end of a service with little or no emphasis on it's real meaning. Some churches observe the Lord's Supper only a few times a year. The Lord's Supper should be a very important part of a Church family.

### I. THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. We are prone to forget God's mercies and blessings.
  - The Lord's Supper has been given by Jesus to remind us of His death.
  - The passover was a memorial time as is the Lord's Supper.
2. We are to observe the Lord's Supper till the Lord Jesus returns.
  - Jesus Christ will return for us and will judge each of us.
  - Until then believers are to observe the Lord's Supper and in the right attitude.

### II. WHY ATTEND-OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

1. When neglected, it is rebellion against the highest authority.
  - It is rebellion against the name above all names.
  - It is rebellion against what Jesus instituted personally, Himself.
  - Those who ignored the Passover night instructions regretted it (given by God to Moses).
    - Shall Christians who ignore the Lord's Supper escape God's judgment?
2. When neglected, it is showing ingratitude toward one's greatest benefactor.
  - Think about all that Jesus Christ has done for YOU - us.
  - When Jesus was dying on the Cross, He was thinking of US.
  - The Jews traveled three times a year to Jerusalem to observe, commemorate the Passover.
3. When neglected, it shows contempt of the richest mercies bestowed upon mankind.
  - Any fellowship in God's House without recognizing Jesus Christ is foolish.
  - The Lord's Supper is a supreme way for one to come closer to the Lord Jesus.
  - Who would dare utter: "Sure you died for me, but I'm not interested in the Lord's Supper, it's not all that important to me...?"
4. When neglected, it is renouncing one's baptism.
  - Baptism (immersion) is publicly identifying with the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Partaking of the Lord's Supper is a renewal of that public identification with Jesus.

## CONCLUSION:

1. "I am just not ready to take the Lord's Supper.."
  - Are you then not prepared to die either?
  - The same Lord Jesus is present at the Lord's Supper as He is in one's death.
2. "I am afraid that I am not worthy..."
  - You are not worthy of being saved either, yet in God's mercies, He saved you.
  - Is it better or worse to refuse to partake of the Lord's Supper?
3. "I have other things to do..."
  - For one to be genuinely unable to partake of the Lord's Supper, God accepts.
  - To not give up personal or worldly pursuits to not partake of the Lord's Supper is inexcusable and unacceptable.
4. The Lord's Supper is important to a believer and his/her relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, do not neglect the Lord's Supper when it is offered.